NATIONAL OUTLOOK

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## Key Differences in the IHS Markit Forecast

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- Real GDP Growth Lower in Near Term than October Presentation
  - FY2020 Growth Rate Lowered to 2.0% vs 2.1%
  - Private Domestic Final Sales Growth Lowered
  - Nonresidential Fixed Investment Lowered
- □ Federal Reserve Expected to Hold Rates Constant
- □ Housing Starts Forecast Increased
- □ Export Growth Reduced
- □ Oil Prices Lowered

#### **Control Scenario**

(Probability - 55%)

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- ☐ Growth slows to 2.1% in FY2020
  - Reduced pace of inventory accumulation
  - Vehicle sales edge lower over next two fiscal year
  - Business fixed investment and output estimates reduced
- Housing starts and residential fixed investment upgraded
- Federal Reserve expected to hold Federal Funds rates at current levels
- Decreases in Brent oil prices, as oil expected to be \$64/bbl in calendar 2019 and fall back to \$57/bbl by 2020

## **Optimistic Scenario**

(Probability – 10%)

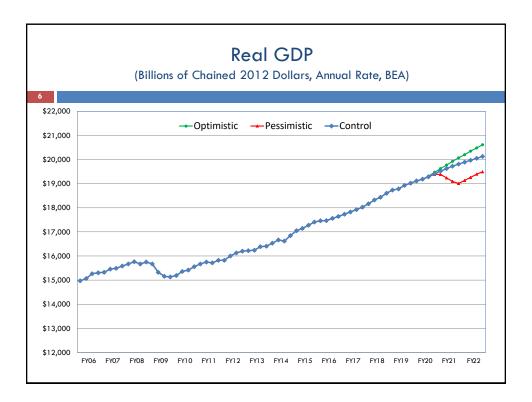
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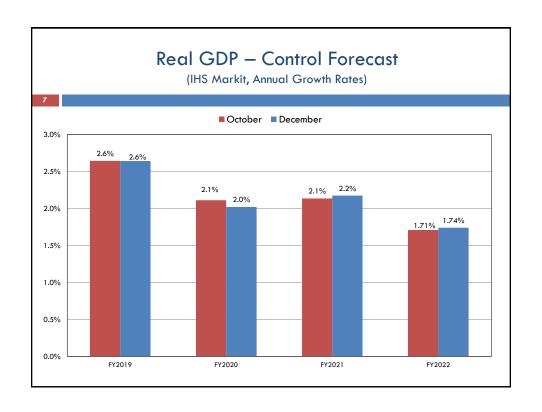
- □ Increases in Real GDP to 2.3% in CY19
  - Housing market fuels growth due to increased household formation among young adults
  - Lower nonaccelerating inflation rate of unemployment at 4.0%
  - Productivity growth averages 2.6% over CY19-22, 1.0% higher than the control forecast
- On the demand side, higher incomes and low inflation support robust consumer spending of 2.8% in CY19 and 3.3% in CY20

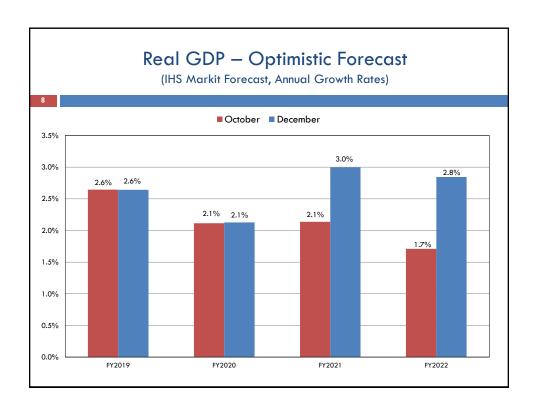
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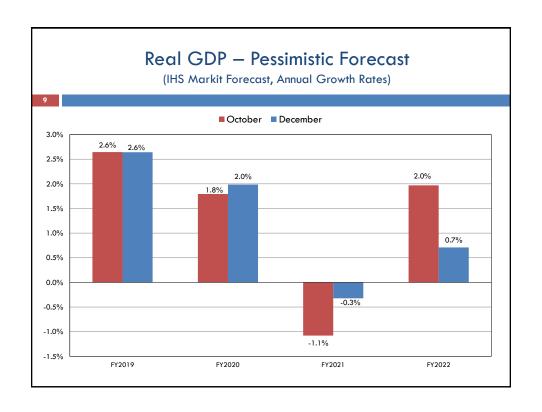
(Probability - 35%)

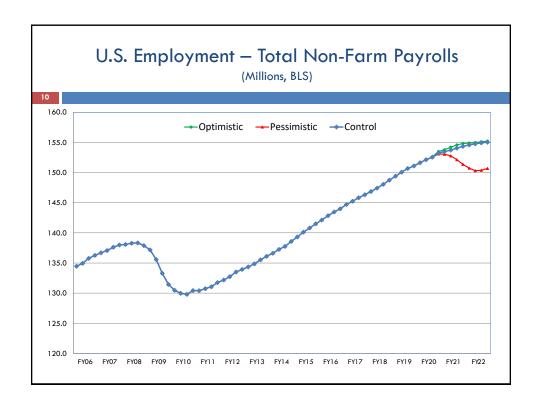
- □ Three quarter recession beginning in Q2 of FY21
  - Broad loss in confidence and growing risk aversion
  - Declines in wide range of investment and consumer spending categories
  - Current expansion ends after 138 consecutive months of arowth
- □ Real consumer spending in CY19 increases by 2.8%, then slows to 1.7% in CY20
- □ Unemployment rate starts rising, reaching 5.8% by 2021
- □ Stock market drops 4.9% during CY20

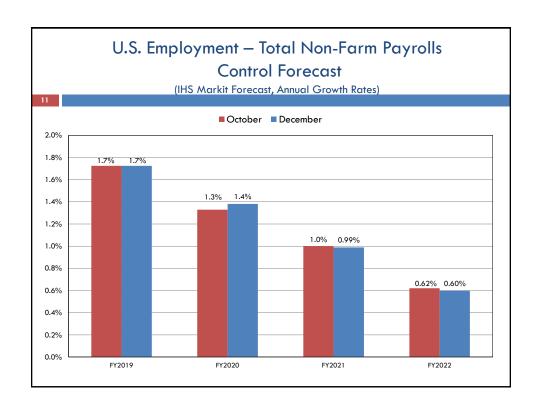


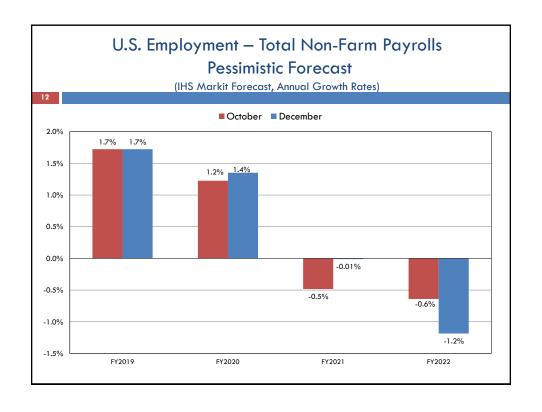


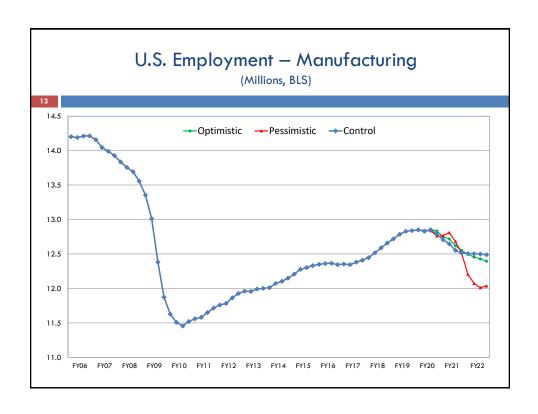


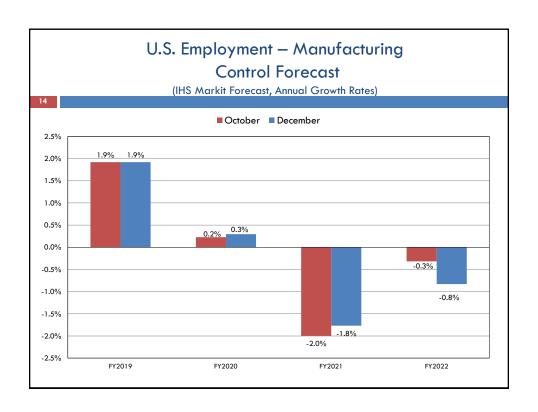


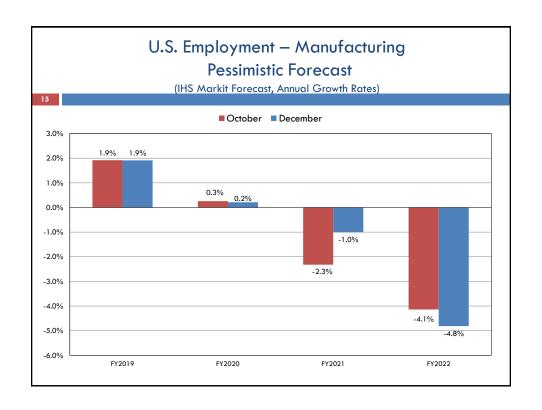


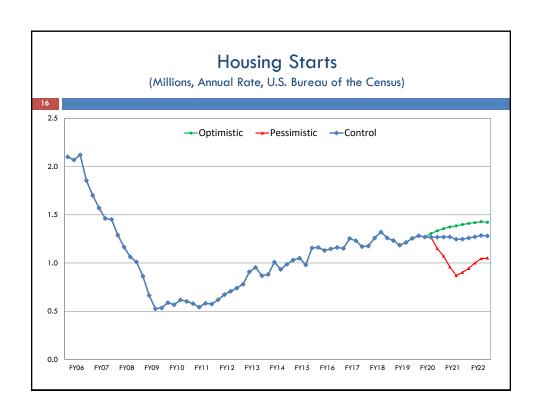


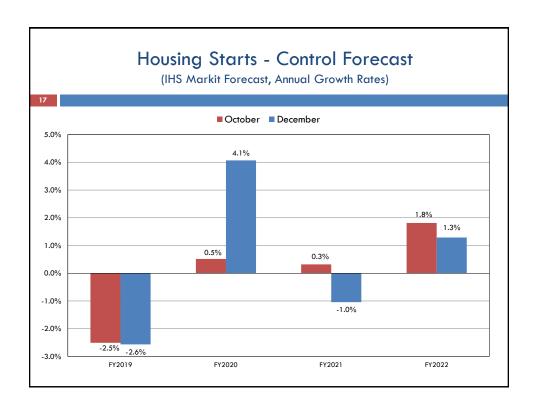


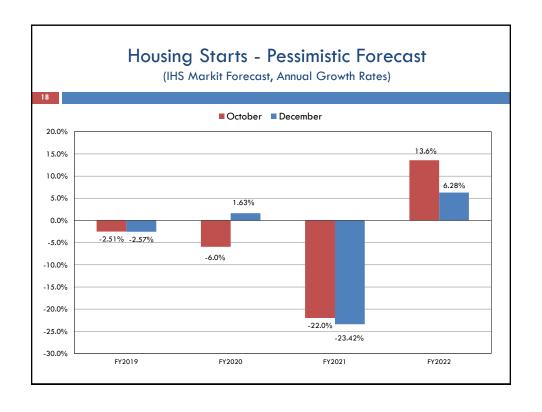


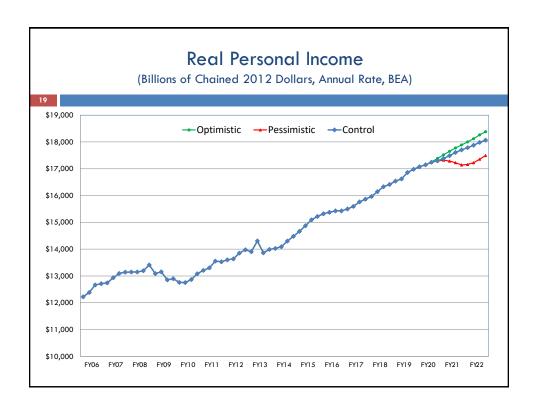


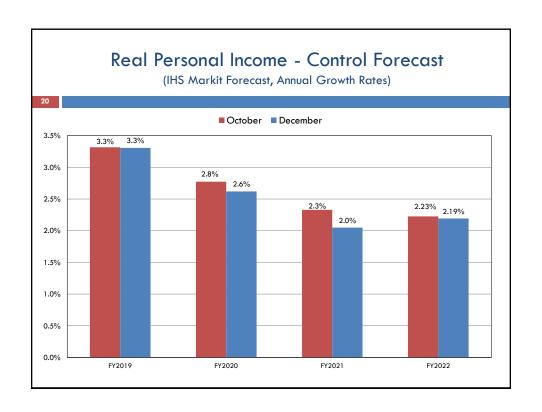


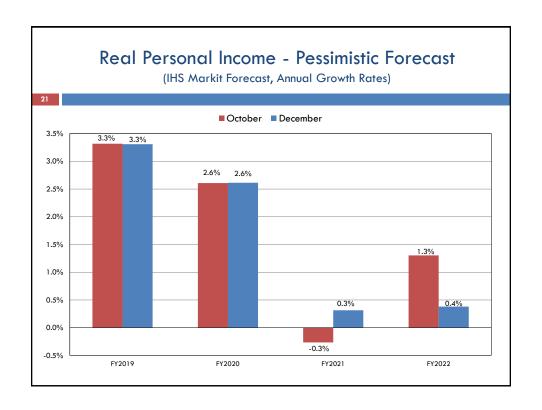


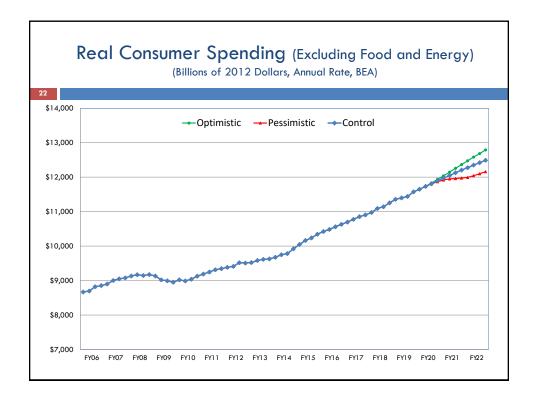


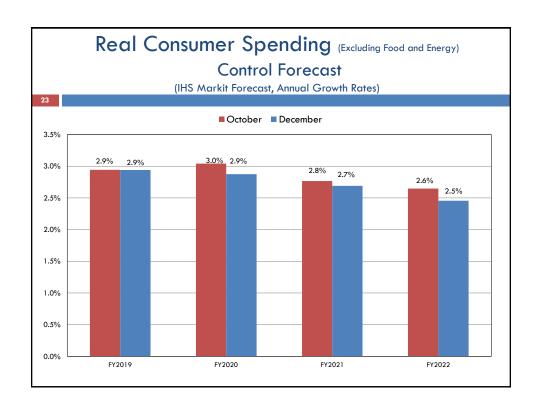


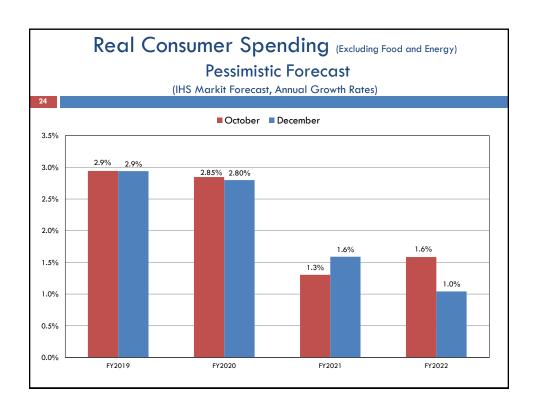


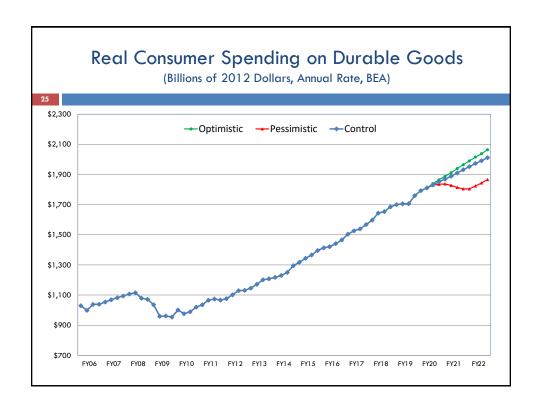


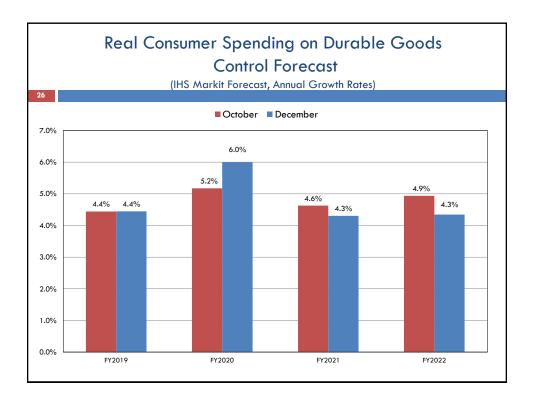


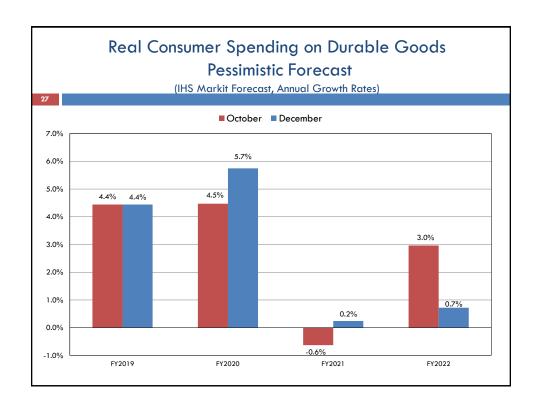


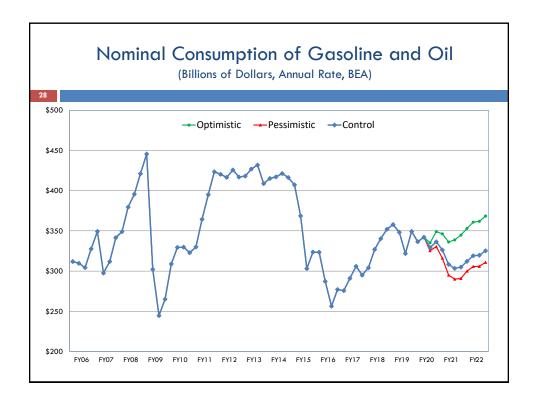


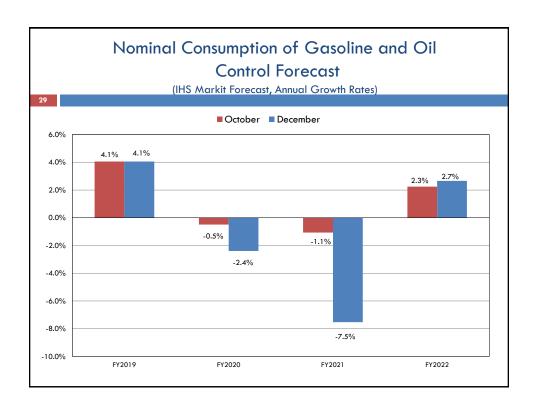


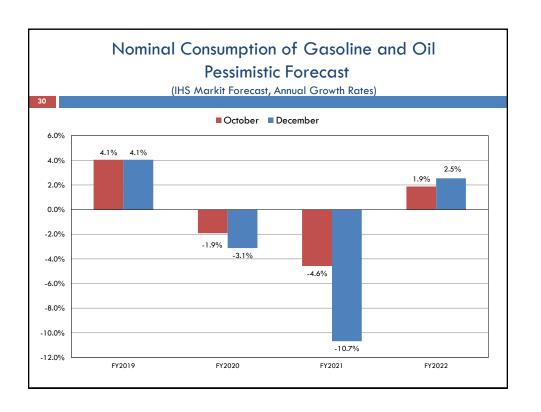


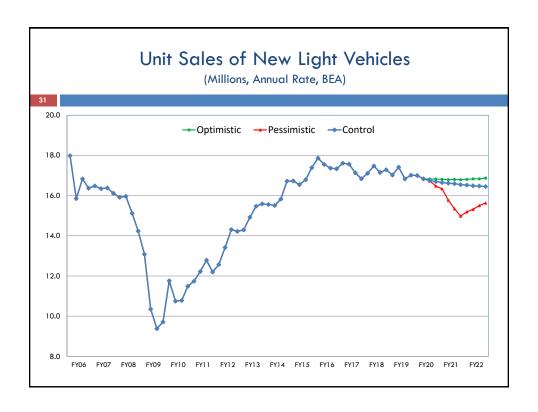


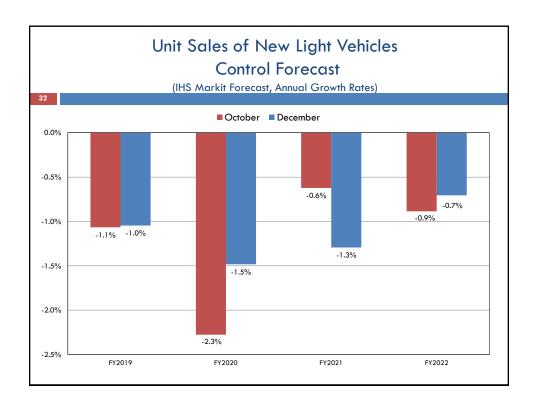


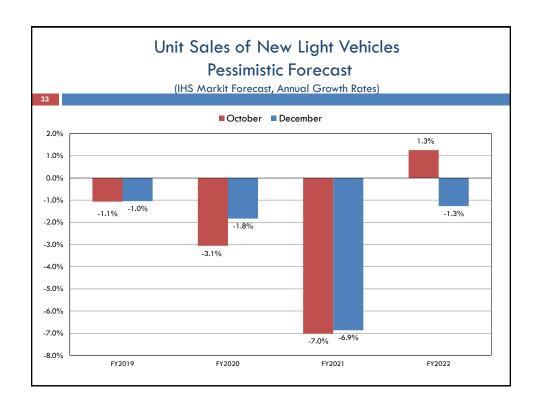


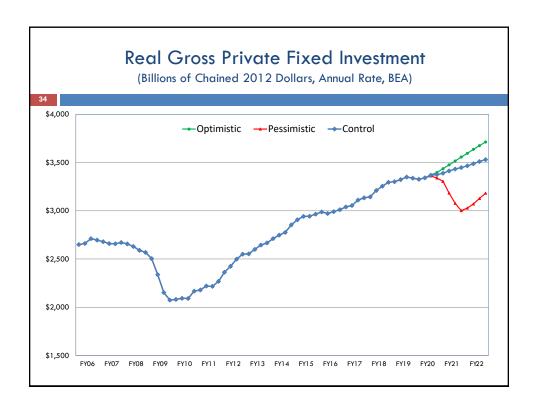


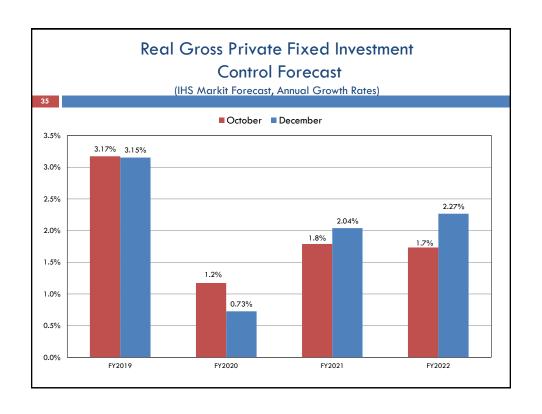


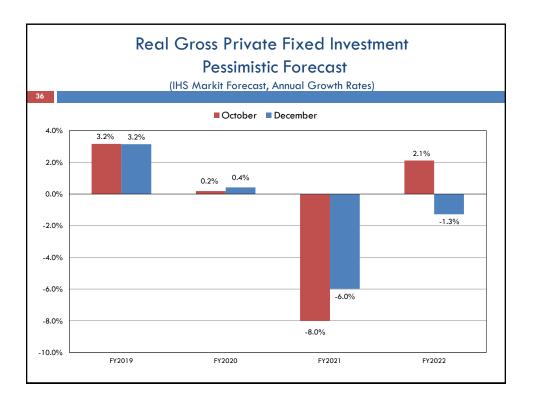


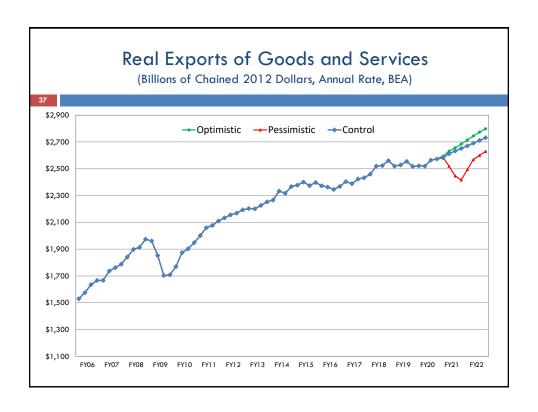


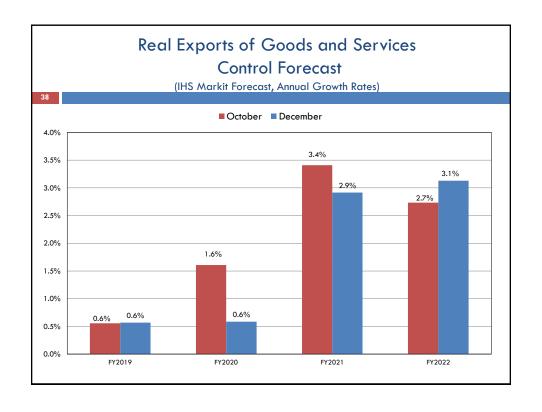


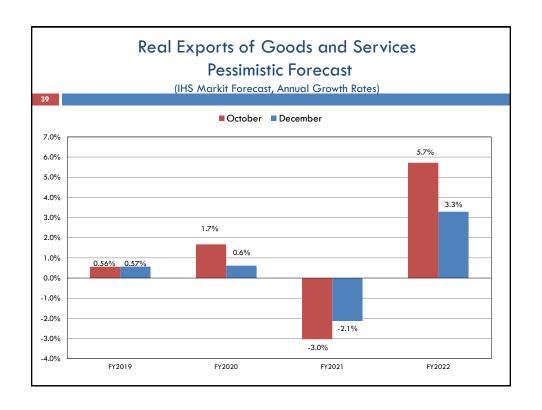


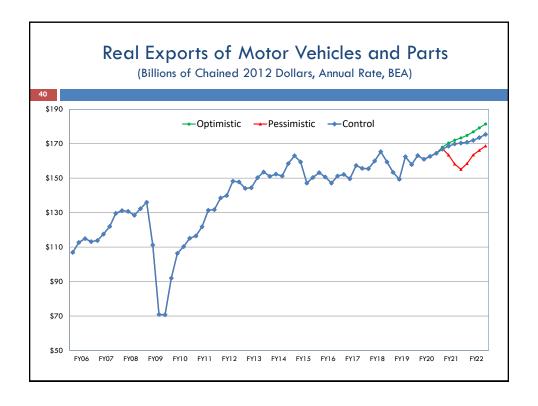


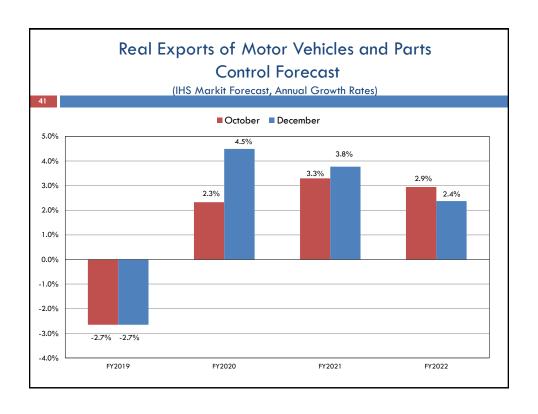


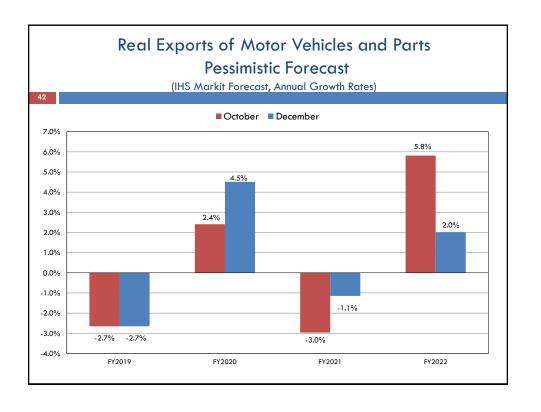












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